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COMMENTS

We filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in the above-referenced case on January 13, 2005. In that RCE paperwork, we requested the Examiner to consider the Amendment, filed December 13, 2004, along with an executed declaration, filed on January 3, 2005. In addition, we would like to ask the Examiner to consider the Information Disclosure Statement also filed on December 13, 2004, in the above-referenced application; and also take note of the European Office Action, and Exhibit A, both also filed on December 13, 2004, in the above-referenced application.

Thank you for your considerations.